

Atty. Docket No.: 56301P478

In re Application for: )

Joseph J. Chang )

Serial No.: 09/469,738 )

Filed: December 21, 1999 )

For: **SAFETY CATHETER** )  
**WITH TORTUOUS FLUID** )  
**PATH** )

Examiner: Hayes, Michael J.

Art Group: 3763

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 24, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Submitted herewith is a replacement drawing for Figure 4. Entry is requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Applicant requests that the amendment of claim 14 be entered. Please add claim 19.

Presented below are all the amended claims in clean unmarked form. The claims, in marked-up form, are presented as an attachment.

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 0.00**Complete if Known**

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee	
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee	
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee	
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	8	20*	0	X	18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	3*	0	X	84.00	=	\$0.00
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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
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1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201	84	2201	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203	280	2203	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid	
1204	84	2204	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1206	18	2206	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>					0.00

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1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification	
1012	2,520	1012	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920 *	1804	920 *	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840 *	1805	1,840 *	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	900	2253	455	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1404	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	2460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(t)	
1808	180	1808	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	1809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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